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This was an important August for America and for Members of this House. Back in Missouri, I had a number and variety of health care forums, from traditional town halls to telephone town halls, to roundtables of health care experts to kitchen table conversations with constituents. What we know is that the current system is broken, unsustainable, and unaffordable.

So the number one contributor to our deficit, to personal bankruptcies and costs of those who have insurance has doubled in 10 years. We also know we consider the source of the opponents peddling misinformation in this debate, the political gamers who just want to bring the President down, the profiteers who are making massive profits over the broken system.

We need to have important insurance reforms to reduce costs through competition, and this needs to be deficit neutral.

As Congress reconvenes and we prepare to hear the President tonight, we need to continue this great debate, even a spirited debate, but we need to have common sense solutions for the American people. That's what they expect, and that's what they deserve.

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